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REMARKS

Claims 43-47 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of Cheston III et al, US Patent 6,330,308 ('308), in view of Charleton et al 6,069,940 ('940). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claims 48-49 were allowed.

Independent claim 43 is amended herein in accord with the Examiner's suggestion in the Office action. The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed also to the fact that claim 43 is amended to more explicitly describe the communication as "substantially real time" and the class of "substantially real time" communication is defined by identifying three types: voice, multi-media, and IM.

There is clear support in the specification for these types of communication (e.g., in the Summary).

E-mail is NOT substantially real time communication.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that all of the Examiner's rejections have been overcome. Reconsideration and allowance of the previously presented claims, as well as the new claims, are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully,
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